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EXDIS, FOR CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TECH, ENRG, YO

SUBJEC,: US INITIATIVE ON KRSKO

1. YOU WILL BE RECEIVING BY SEPARATE TELEGRAMS THE TEXT OF A LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN SECRETARY MINIC AND THE TEXT OF AN ATTACHMENT TO THAT LETTER WHICH EXPLAINS IN MORE DETAIL THE BACKGROUND TO OUR CURRENT APPROACH TO YUGOSLAVIA ON NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS. THE ATTACHMENT ALSO SPELS OUT OUR PROPOSAL TO RESOLVE PROMPTLY THE IMPASSE OVER THE EXPORT LICENSE FOR THE KRSKO REACTOR.

2. YOU SHOULD REQUEST AN EARLY APPOINTMENT WITH MINIC TO DELIVER THE SECRETARY'S LETTER (WITH ATTACHMENT);
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IF MINIC'S HEALTH OR ABSENCE FROM BELGRADE WOULD DELAY DELIVERY BY MORE THAN A COUPLE OF DAYS, YOU SHOULD SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH MOJSOV OR OTHER SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL SECRETARIAT FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. (WE ASSUME THAT BERNARDIC WOULD BE INVOLVED IN SUCH MEETING; IF NOT, EMBASSY MIGHT FIND IT USEFUL TO APPRISE HIM OF OUR APPROACH.) CHARGE SHOULD CONVEY OUR INTEREST IN HAVING

THE SECRETARY'S LETTER REACH THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT (E.G., KARDELJ AND BAKARIC), AT WHICH LEVEL WE UNDERSTAND THIS ISSUE IS NOW BEING HANDLED.

3. ALTHOUGH THE SECRETARY'S LETTER PROVIDES A FAIRLY COMPREHENSIVE RATIONALE FOR OUR NEW PROPOSAL ON KRSKO, CHARGE MAY ALSO WISH TO DRAW ON PRESIDENT'S APRIL 7 STATEMENT ON NUCLEAR POLICY AND ON PRESIDENT'S APRIL 27 MESSAGE TO CONGRESS ON NONPROLIFERATION, BOTH OF WHICH WERE CARRIED ON WIRELESS FILE. CHARGE SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THIS PROPOSAL IS IN ACCORD WITH THE ADMINISTRATION'S ASSESSMENT OF THE OVER-RIDING URGENCY OF MAKING PROGRESS ON THE ISSUE OF NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION, WHICH PARALLELS ITS STRONG STAND ON THE URGENT NEED NOT ONLY TO LIMIT BUT TO REDUCE STOCKPILES OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. IT ALSO REFLECTS THE CONVICTION THAT OUR EFFORTS TO SECURE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WITH US NONPROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES WILL REQUIRE THAT US INITIATIVES FOR UPGRADING EXISTING SAFEGUARDS BE CARRIED OUT IN A MANNER THAT DOES NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE INTERESTS OF THOSE COUNTRIES WHOSE COOPERATION WE ARE SEEKING.

4. WITH REGARD TO THE OFFER TO SEND A US TEAM TO BELGRADE, YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT WE ARE PREPARED BOTH TO NAIL DOWN THE PRESENT UNDERSTANDING WHICH WOULD LEAD TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE REACTOR LICENCE BY THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION AND TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR NEGOTIATION OF AN ARRANGEMENT COVERING CONFIDENTIAL

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DISPOSITION OF IRRADIATED FUEL. US TEAM WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION PROGRAM (STATE 93528) AND BROADER US NONPROLIFERATION POLICY. VANCE

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